

July Calendar 2024

<u>Events</u>			<u>Anniversary & Birthdays</u>	
Wed.	3-Jul		3-Jul	(B) Bob Crippen
Thur.	4-Jul	(H) Independence Day	4-Jul	(B) Jerry Schukar
				(B) Jamie Berry
Sunday	7-Jul	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Mon.	8-Jul		8-Jul	(B) Doug Stein
				(B) Haele' Goodin
Wed.	10-Jul	(E) 7pm Council Meeting	10-Jul	(A) Kim & Kyle Kloss 2013
Sunday	14-Jul	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
		(E) 11am Voter's Meeting		
Tues.	16-Jul		16-Jul	(B) Mark Meadows
Sat.	20-Jul		20-Jul	(A) Brad & Sherry Sasse 2002
Sunday	21-Jul	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School		
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
		VBS July 22-26 each evening time to be announced		
Mon.	22-Jul		22-Jul	(B) Amanda Walk
Tues.	23-Jul		23-Jul	(B) Colleen Wefer
Wed.	24-Jul		24-Jul	(B) Fran Collier
Thurs.	25-Jul		25-Jul	(B) Fran Cole
Sunday	28-Jul	(E) 9am Bible Class & Sunday School	28-Jul	(A) Michael & Diana Bauer 1973
		(E) 10am Worship Service		
Wed.	31-Jul		31-Jul	(B) Ruth Ann Moyer
				(B) Lisa Wasmuth

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Dearly Beloved of Christ,

I thought I'd start off this article with giving thanks to God for allowing me to serve in the office of the Holy Ministry for 30 years. It has certainly been a wonderful journey. I also thank my beloved wife who I'm sure spearheaded the celebration (which has not yet happened as I write this). She has been, and still is, a great gift from God and has endured much so that I (we) can celebrate such a day.

Likewise, such a day is an answer to prayer by many. And while I fail in so many ways, I thought the following hymn appropriate to the occasion and I encourage you to take it to heart.

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Paul's words in Romans 12:1 provide a summary for the hymn: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." A key word Paul uses is "therefore." In the first eleven chapters, he has carefully laid out God's plan of salvation: we are justified for Christ's sake. *Therefore* we are compelled by His great love for us to present our very lives in service to Him, expressing our faith through action. It is this sanctification by the Spirit that we proclaim in the hymn.

Stanza 2 points out that Christ acts first in love, and we then, at His impulse, in faith offer ourselves completely as living sacrifices to God. [Frances] Havergal's missionary zeal then alludes to Isaiah 52:7: "How beautiful . . . are the feet of him who brings good news." Havergal referred to stanza 3 several times in her letters. As a musician, she declined an opportunity to sing professionally and dedicated herself to singing only sacred music, "always, only for my King." Her prayer that her mouth should be filled with "messages from Thee" reminds us to go to God's Word regularly for His messages so that we will be prepared in season and out of season (2 Timothy 4:2) to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have (1 Peter 3:15).

Stanza 4 brings to mind the widow's mite (Luke 21) and the example of the early Church, many members of which sold their possessions to distribute to those in need. It emphasizes the Christian's perspective that all we own belongs to God, and we offer it to His use (1 Timothy 6:6-10).

The evangelical emphasis on living for Christ arises in stanza 5. Christ Himself taking and making our will and heart His own. Stanza 6 closes the poem the way it began, with the complete offering of oneself to Christ. We praise God that He has first offered Himself completely in Christ's death upon the cross, that we may walk in newness of life.

(Textual Commentary by Samuel J. Eatherton in LSB Companion to the Hymns, vol. 1, p. 1155-56)

God bless you as you serve God in the vocations into which He has placed you.

Pastor Landskroener

Here are the readings for the upcoming Divine Services:

July 7 Pentecost 7 (Proper 9)

Ezek. 2:1-5
2 Cor. 12:1-10
Mark 6:1-13

June 21 Pentecost 9 (Proper 11)

Jer. 23:1-6
Eph. 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-44

June 14 Pentecost 8 (Proper 10)

Amos 7:7-15
Eph. 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

June 28 Pentecost 10 (Proper 12)

Gen. 9:8-17
Eph. 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56

Council meeting is July 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Voters meeting is immediately after the service July 7th.

VBS will be the week of July 22 – 26 in the evening. More details will be in bulletin in the next few weeks. If you have any questions or would like to help out, contact Mandi Austin.

The current Dollar for Missions project is for replacement of furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb, which is expected to cost some \$25,000. The Student Center was built 55 years ago. Equipment replacement like this is important so the Gospel can continue to be proclaimed and students can go on being reached there for years into the future. For more information visit <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

Parish Hall reservations – If you would like to plan an event or meeting to use our Parish Hall for any reason, this also includes Church activities, you will need to contact Scott or Karen Torbeck. If not asked, we don't know. Use of the Parish Hall will be determined by the first reservation made.

Contact Pastor Landskroener 330-204-4180 or email lawandgospel@hotmail.com for a Pastoral visit.

Please Sign attendance books in the pew, so Pastor is better able to serve you.

Church office is looking for help in maintaining accurate records for Augsburg. Have you moved since our last directory or had a change in marital status or phone number changes? Have you noticed a birthday or anniversary that is incorrect or missing? Please notify Scott Torbeck to get our Church records updated.

Do you have a cell phone? Do you text? Do you have a home phone? Some do some don't. How do you want to be contacted by the Church? The Church would like to contact you via text with any info, updates or closings. To receive a text message, you will need to give us your cell number. Normal text fees will apply. Please provide info to Scott with a note or email storbeck@augsburchurch.com or text 618-367-3355

Prayer Request – When prayers are requested, we ask that we are informed of the relationship of the person with our congregation. There has been concerns about names on prayer list & who they are. We will add the relationship to the prayers. This will allow members to ask about the individual's progress in recovery. In an effort to manage the list more effectively, individuals will be placed on the list for a period of four weeks. If at the end of that time, those people still need additional prayers, they may be re-added to the list for another four-week term. This may be done as long as the individual continues to need the added strength of the church prayer for their special need.

Joke of the day - Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group. "It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference. Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? When you are asked to help this year, remember -- we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

Bible Word Search: **CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL**

N C O Q B T X D T P S U J L S
O E O O F F N U B A J C J N T
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BRETHREN	COURAGE	COMPASSION
ENEMIES	FORGIVENESS	JUDGMENT
LOVE	MERCY	PATIENCE
RECONCILIATION	REVENGE	SALVATION
SINNERS	TRANSGRESSIONS	TRESPASSES